

Parliamentary Affairs Brief - Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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Key issues

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House of Commons:

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On Tuesday, February 8:

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- ~ The Minister of Seniors introduced Bill C-12, An Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (Guaranteed Income Supplement).

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- ~ Mr. Champoux (BQ) introduced Private Members' Bill C-246, An Act to amend the Constitution Act, 1867 (representation in the House of Commons), in order to provide that the total number of members from Quebec cannot be less than 25% of the total number seats in the House of Commons.

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- ~ The Speaker ruled on the Question of Privilege raised by the CPC concerning the alleged premature disclosure of Bill C-10 (Rapid Testing) by the Prime Minister. He did not find the matter to be a prima facie Question of Privilege.

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- ~ The deferred vote was held on the BQ motion to concur in the first report of the Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) Committee on the Collection and Use of Mobility Data by the Government of Canada. The motion was adopted with a vote of 173 yeas to 155 nays.

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- ~ The House debated the CPC Opposition Day motion regarding the Saskatchewan constitutional amendment. The vote will be held on Wednesday, February 9.

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- ~ A take note debate on the opioid crisis in Canada was held.

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- ~ The CPC gave notice of the following opposition day motion. The next opposition day is scheduled for Thursday, February 10. The CPC is expected to confirm the motion selected for debate on Wednesday, February 9, in the afternoon.

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 - o~ Ms. Bergen (Portage—Lisgar) — That, given that provinces are lifting COVID-19 restrictions and that Dr. Theresa Tam has said that all existing public health measures need to be "re-evaluated" so that we can "get back to some normalcy", the House call on the government to table a plan for the lifting of all federal mandates and restrictions, and to table that plan by February 28, 2022.

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House Committee Business of Note:

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- ~ The Public Safety and National Security Committee received notice from the LPC for the following motion on the rise of Ideologically motivated violent extremism in Canada. The motion will be debated at the next meeting of the Committee on Thursday, February 10:

That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the committee undertake a study on the rise of Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism (IMVE) in Canada; that this study include an investigation into the influence of foreign and domestic actors in funding and supporting violent extremist ideologies in Canada; that the study include the use of social media to fuel the IMVE movement; that the committee explore the impact of anonymous and foreign donations funding IMVE, including through crowdfunding sites; that the committee invite representatives from GiveSendGo to appear; that the committee further look at the role of payment processors in preventing the funding of IMVE and invite representatives from Paypal and Stripe to appear; that evidence and documentation received by the committee from upcoming appearances of representatives of GoFundMe and FINTRAC be included in this study; that this study include Canada's national security organizations and police involved in monitoring, countering and responding to IMVE threats; that the committee report its findings to the House; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the government table a comprehensive response to the report.

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House of Commons Schedule (Subject to Change)

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Monday, February 7	Tuesday, February 8	Wednesday, February 9	Thursday, February 10	Friday, February 11
C-8 (EFU) – second reading ~ ~ ~ Emergency Debate – COVID-19 Protests	Introduction of C-12 (Guaranteed Income Supplement) ~ Opposition Day (CPC) 1/7 – (Saskatchewan & CPR taxation) ~ ~ Take Note Debate – Opioid Crisis	C-8 (EFU) – second reading ~	Opposition Day (CPC) 2/7 – (Motion TBD)	C-7 (Senate Modernization) –second reading

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Senate:

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- ~ Senator Gold gave notice of his intent to move a motion to adopt a resolution with respect to the Saskatchewan constitutional amendment.
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- ~ Senator Gold Introduced Bill S-4, An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Identification of Criminals Act and to make related amendments to other Acts (COVID-19 response and other measures).
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- ~ Bill S-207 (change the name of the electoral district of Châteauguay—Lacolle) was adopted at third reading and is awaiting first reading in the House.
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- ~ Senator Gagné (GRO) announced that Minister Duclos will attend Question Period on Wednesday, February 9.
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- ~ Senator Tannas (CSG) moved a motion that would allow a minimum amount of time for the consideration in the Senate of government bills. The debate was adjourned.
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